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Colonel Miller reiterated his concern over the fact that OCI's publications are the product of their own opinions, without reference to or coordination with the IAC, due to the time factor involved.

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1100-1230 (Secretariat)

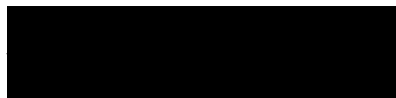
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